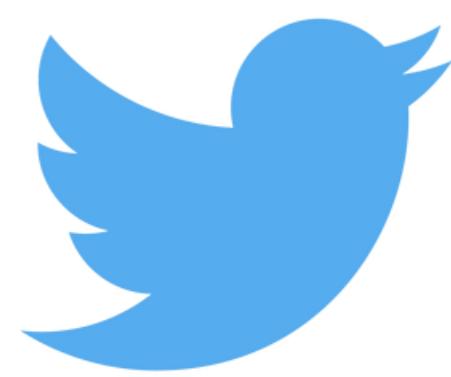


Enhancing Communication on Education Opportunities



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Background

Historically, communication about training and educational opportunities in our region relied on emails from the school administrator or deanery teams. This resulted in not all trainees and trainers being aware of information and complaints of 'email fatigue'. Therefore, in 2018, the Head of School (HoS) and newly expanded Trainees' Committee (TC) devised innovative approaches to improve the trainee experience. The resources below became active in 2018 and remain in use to aid communication with Paediatric trainees and trainers in the West Midlands.

Resources:

The TC and HoS met to discuss methods of improving communication and standardising trainees' expectations, particularly regarding the Annual Review of Competency Progression (ARCP). We then planned & implemented a 4-point plan of resources.

Regional Trainee Website

- Updated weekly by the TC members
- Clearly laid out information
- Includes:
 - educational/research opportunities
 - courses
 - teaching resources
 - how to apply for LTFT training & return to work programmes.

West MidlandsPaeds Home Training in the West Midlands Trainee Information Contact

West Midlands School of Paediatrics Trainee Homepage

This website has been developed by members of the West Midlands School of Paediatrics Trainee Committee, with the aim of regularly sharing up-to-date information covering important aspects of training.

- Essential training resources
- Information about educational opportunities
- Information on trainee support and welfare

We really hope you find it a comprehensive and useful resource! We welcome all constructive feedback relating to the site and can be contacted in the following ways:

ARCP Checklist

- For trainees and trainers
- States expected eportfolio entries, aligned with 2018-19 RCPCH requirements & updated annually since.
- Academic/OOPR checklists have also been developed.

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ARCP Checklist 2019/20

Name:	Post (i.e. Paeds, Neonate etc...)	Level of Training (i.e. ST1, ST2 etc...)	Period Covered (i.e. Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2020)
	1 st post –	2 nd post –	

How to use this document:

- Print out the Checklist
- Keep track of your progress over the year, tick things off as you go along
- Complete all the minimum requirements, you are encouraged to work beyond this if possible to maximise any educational opportunity.
- In your final Educational Supervisor meeting, review your progress using this checklist as a guide.
- Have your supervisor sign the checklist and recommend an Outcome 1 if all components are complete.
- Scan and upload (or upload an electronically signed copy) to your ARCP folder within the Documents section on KaiZen.

Newsletter (monthly)

- For all regional paediatricians
- Essential information including training updates, educational courses and opportunities, supervisor training and trainee-led research.

Health Education England West Midlands School of Paediatrics Newsletter

Paediatric Trainees in West Midlands Private group

- About
- Discussion
- Announcements
- Rooms
- Members
- Events
- Photos
- Files
- Group insights

Joined Notifications Share More

Social Media

- TC Twitter account
- Engage with an independent trainees' Facebook group

To further disseminate information and encouragement

West Midlands Paediatrics 884 Tweets

West Midlands Paediatrics @WMPaeds Follows you

West Midlands School of Paediatrics (tweets by members of the Trainee Committee) #PaedsRocks #WMPaeds #ChoosePaediatrics

West Midlands, England Joined December 2017

945 Following 537 Followers

Followed by TM, BMACreate, and 115 others you follow

Feedback:

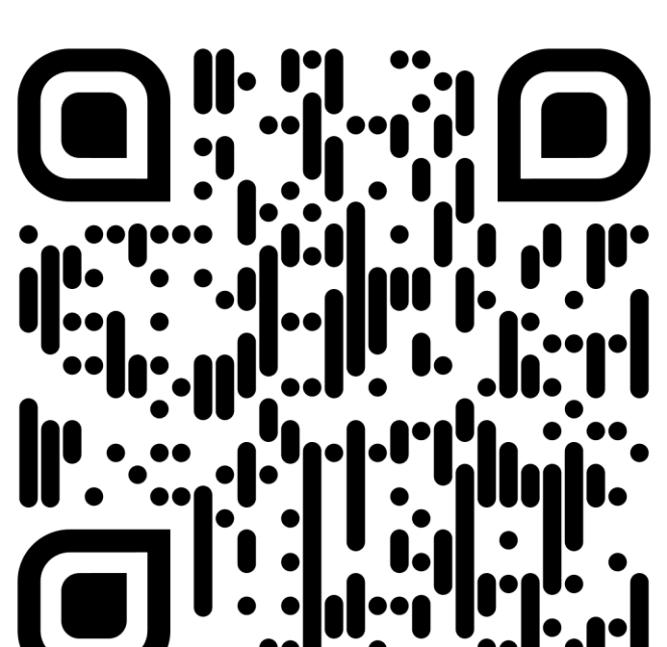
In Aug '19, we distributed an online snapshot feedback survey via social media & at protected teaching days using SurveyMonkey.

Results:

- 41 responses (14% of trainees), with at least one response from each training year.
- 17 (41%) responses were from ST4-5.
- 37 (90%) had used the website;
 - 35 (94%) of these found it 'quite' or 'extremely useful'.
- The ARCP checklist was reported to be one of the most useful changes.
- 38 (93%) read the newsletter;
 - 33 (86%) of these trainees found it 'quite' or 'extremely useful'.
- Fewer trainees (54%) were aware of the Twitter account.

30/38 trainees (79%) reported these changes had improved trainee experience

To go to our website scan below:



Conclusion:

By embracing technology and close liaison between TC and school board, our regional communication and trainee experience has been significantly enhanced. We recommend this to all paediatricians.

What trainees found useful about the website:

To join #WMPaedsFamily scan below:

